



Paying the Annual Asylum Fee for Cases Pending before USCIS

accurate as of 10/14/2025

STEP 1: Go to <https://my.uscis.gov/accounts/annual-asylum-fee/start/overview> where you will see an explanation of the Annual Asylum Fee and the DHS Privacy Notice. Scroll to the bottom and select “Next”.

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Before You Start The Payment Process

Eligibility

Any alien who filed or files a Form I-589 after Oct. 1, 2024, that remains pending with USCIS for 365 days must pay the Annual Asylum Fee (AAF) as of the one-year anniversary of his or her filing date and each year thereafter that the application remains pending on such day of the calendar year. For the first time the AAF is due, aliens who file for asylum do not need to monitor the time their application has been pending and if the AAF applies to them. USCIS will issue personal notices to aliens when their annual asylum fee is due, which will include the amount of the fee, when it must be paid, how the fee must be paid, and the consequences of failing to pay. USCIS will provide guidance for future years' AAF payments in subsequent issuances.

Fee

We will automatically calculate the cost for you before you submit your application. [For specific information about fees applicable to this form, see Form G-1055.](#)

Refund policy: USCIS does not refund fees, regardless of any action we take on your application, petition, or request, or how long USCIS takes to reach a decision. By continuing this transaction, you acknowledge that you must submit fees in the exact amount and that you are paying the fees for a government service. Please refer to the instructions for the form(s) you are filing for additional information, or you may call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) 800-767-1833.

DHS Privacy Notice

AUTHORITIES: 8 CFR 103.7(b)(1)(i) and (b)(1)(i)(D) authorize the collection of this information.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information is to authorize an electronic credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment in Pay.gov, which is owned and operated by the Department of the Treasury, for filing USCIS immigration benefit fees.

DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to pay the immigration benefit fee may delay or prevent USCIS from granting the immigration benefit that you seek.

ROUTINE USES: This information may be used by and disclosed to USCIS personnel and contractors or other agents who need the information to assist in activities related to processing your filing fees. Additionally, USCIS may disclose the information to other federal, state and local authorized organizations in accordance with approved routine uses, as described in the associated published system of records notice TREASURY/FMS.017 - Collections Records - Treasury/Financial Management Service, which can be found at www.treasury.gov/privacy, and DHS-USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System, available at www.dhs.gov/privacy. The information may also be made available as appropriate for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

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STEP 2: Carefully type the client’s A number and USCIS I-589 Receipt Number. If you do not already have this information, it can be found on the Annual Asylum Fee Notice sent by USCIS. Confirm all information has been correctly transcribed and select “Continue to payment”.

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What is your A-Number? *

The A-Number is an immigration file number provided by U.S. immigration officials. We use your A-Number to identify your immigration records. It is a 7 to 9-digit number that begins with an “A” and can be found on correspondence or cards you have received from DHS, USCIS, or on immigration court records.

Provide a 7, 8, or 9-digit number. If the A-Number is fewer than 9 digits, the system will automatically add zero(s) after the "A" and before the first digit so there is a total of 9 digits, for example: A-001234567.

What is your receipt number? *

The receipt number is a unique 13-character identifier that USCIS provides for each application or petition it receives.

Provide a 13-character receipt number, beginning with 3 capitalized letters followed by 10 digits.

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STEP 3: The next page confirms the amount to be paid (\$100) and explains that you will be taken to Pay.gov to submit the payment. Scroll to the bottom and select “Pay and submit”.

Pay For Your Annual Asylum Fee

The final step is to pay the required fee.

Your application fee is: **\$100**.

Refund policy: By continuing this transaction, you agree that you are paying for a government service and that the filing fee, biometric services fee and all related financial transactions are final and not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on an application, petition or request, or how long USCIS takes to reach a decision. You must submit all fees in the exact amounts.



We will send you to Pay.gov — our safe, secure payment website — to pay and submit your annual asylum fee online.

Here are the steps in the payment and submission process:

1. Provide your billing information on Pay.gov
2. Provide your credit card or U.S. bank account information
3. Submit your payment

When you have submitted your annual asylum fee, Pay.gov will redirect you to a uscis.gov confirmation screen.

Pay and submit

Print

Trying to make payment on a case where USCIS has not yet issued an Annual Asylum Fee Notice results in this message:

! At this time, the Annual Asylum Fee payment is not due for this case. USCIS will issue a notice the first time the Annual Asylum Fee is due.

STEP 4: Indicate payment type and select “Continue”.

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Payment Information

Payment Amount \$100.00

I want to pay with my

- ☐ Bank account (ACH)
- ☐ Debit or credit card

Continue

[Cancel](#)

STEP 5: Complete the payment information requested and select “Continue”.

USCIS I-589 Annual Fee

Please provide the payment information below. Required fields are marked with an *

Agency Tracking ID

QR1P99PWLP19ZL

Payment Amount

\$100.00

* Cardholder Name

* Cardholder Billing Address

Billing Address 2

City

* Country

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

* Card Number



* Expiration Date

* Security Code

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STEP 6: Review the payment information. **Print and save this page.** After printing and saving, click the box to authorize the charge and select “Continue”.

IMPORTANT!! This page is the only proof of payment. You must print and save this page.

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Please review the payment information. Required fields are marked with an *

Agency Tracking ID

[REDACTED]

Payment Amount

\$100.00

Payment Method

Plastic Card

Cardholder Name

[REDACTED]

Card Type

VISA

Card Number

[REDACTED]

Cardholder Billing Address

[REDACTED]

Billing Address 2

City

[REDACTED]

Country

United States

State/Province

MA

ZIP/Postal Code

[REDACTED]



* I authorize a charge to my card account for the above amount in accordance with my card issuer agreement.

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[Cancel](#)

STEP 7: You will be sent back to the USCIS website where successful submission of the fee is confirmed. **You should also print and save this page.**

You must complete all fields with an asterisk (*) to submit this form.

You successfully submitted your Annual Asylum Fee

If you filed Form I-589 online, you will receive a receipt to your account shortly. If you filed Form I-589 by paper, we will mail a physical receipt to the address that was provided on Form I-589. We will send a reminder to pay the Annual Asylum Fee each year the application remains pending.

STEP 8: Send a copy of the payment review page (see Step 6) and the USCIS successful submission page (see Step 7) to your PAIR mentor.